

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

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Q' 1. (Currently amended) A system ~~for purchasing an interest whose return is related to the performance of in an Entertainment Production~~, comprising:

a transaction server for generating data for a display of an offer to purchase a ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ the Entertainment Production, said transaction server adapted to transmit such data via a network; and

a plurality of information appliances, each adapted to receive via the network such data, and further adapted to transmit to the transaction server via the network, a user acceptance of such an offer.

2. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein said data further comprises an electronic link to a display of information regarding an entertainment company.

3. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

4. (Currently amended) A method ~~for purchasing an interest whose return is related to the performance of an Entertainment Production~~, comprising the steps of:

transmitting from a transaction server via a network data for a display of a offer to purchase a ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second contractual~~ interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ the Entertainment Production;

receiving at an information appliance via the network such data and generating a display therefrom;

selecting at the information appliance the offer to purchase the ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest;

transmitting further data to the transaction server via the network;

indicating acceptance of the offer to purchase the ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest, and;

processing at the transaction server the acceptance data.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, and further comprising the steps of:

accessing at the information appliance a display of information regarding an entertainment company via an electronic link.

6. (Original) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~for transmitting offers to purchase interests, and for receiving acceptances of such offers, where such interests have a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production,~~ comprising:

a' a transaction server for generating data for the display of an offer to purchase a ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of~~ profits made by the Entertainment Production;

said transaction server adapted to transmit such data via a network to a plurality of information appliances, and to receive via the network data indicating an acceptance of the offer to purchase the ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest.

8. (Currently amended) A method ~~for transmitting offers to purchase interests, and receiving acceptance of such offers, where such interests have a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production,~~ comprising the steps of:

transmitting over a network from a transaction server data for a display of an offer to purchase a ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~

contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ the Entertainment Production, the data for receipt by a plurality of information appliances; and

receiving at the transaction server via the network further data;

indicating an acceptance of the offer to purchase ~~a first~~ the registered fixed-price interest.

Q' 9. (Currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium ~~for transmitting offers to purchase interests, and receiving acceptances of such offers, where such interests have a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production,~~ comprising:

program steps for generating a display that includes information about an Entertainment Production;

said display including data for displaying an offer to purchase a ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ the Entertainment Production.

10. (Currently amended) A computer data signal ~~for transmitting offers to purchase interests, and receiving acceptances of such offers, where such interests have a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production,~~ comprising:

a data code signal comprising data for generating a display that includes information about an Entertainment Production;

said data including data for displaying an offer to purchase a first registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of~~ profits made by the Entertainment Production.

a' 11. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~for viewing and accepting an offer to purchase an interest having a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production,~~ comprising:

an information appliance comprising a user-operable input device;

an output user-interface for enabling a user to perceive information, memory for the storage of programs and data and a processor for the execution of program steps;

said memory including program steps for generating a display, and further

including display data received via a network from a transaction server, which display data communicates an offer to purchase, via the output user-interface, a first registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of~~ profits made by the Entertainment Production, and which display data enables the user to accept such

offer via the user-operable input device for transmission via the network to a transaction server.

12. (Currently amended) A method ~~of viewing and accepting an offer to purchase an interest having a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production,~~ comprising the steps of:

a' receiving at an information appliance via a network display data that conveys an offer to purchase a ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of~~ profits made by the Entertainment Production;

accepting the offer to purchase the ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest by interaction with a user-operable input device of the information appliance; and

transmitting via the network the acceptance of the offer to purchase the ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest.

13. (Currently amended) A system for providing entertainment information, comprising:

a transaction server for generating and transmitting to a plurality of information appliances via a network first display data for a first display that displays entertainment company information;

the first display data including a link, which when activated at an

information appliance displaying the first display data, causes the information appliance to receive second display data for a second display that displays an offer to purchase a ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest in a proportionate share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by the entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ an Entertainment Production.

a' 14. (Currently amended) A method ~~of selling interests~~, comprising the steps of:

creating a plurality of ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interests, each ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest providing a right to a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ an Entertainment Production;

offering for sale such ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interests over a network.

15. (Currently amended) A method of financing an Entertainment Production by an entertainment company, comprising the steps of:

marketing a ~~second~~ contractual interest that provides a payout related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ an Entertainment Production;

said ~~second~~ contractual interest for use in connection with a financial structure for financing payments to be made under a plurality of ~~first~~ registered fixed-price

interests, each such ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest providing a right to a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to the payout made pursuant to the ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by the entertainment company.

16. (Currently amended) A method of financing an Entertainment

Production by an entertainment company, comprising:

marketing a ~~second~~ contractual interest that provides a payout related to the performance of profits made by an Entertainment Production;

said ~~second~~ contractual interest for use in connection with a financial structure for financing payments to be made under a plurality of ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interests to be marketed over a network utilizing data processing equipment, each such ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest providing a right to a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to the payout made pursuant to the ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by the entertainment company.